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ANNUAL REPORT

For The Year Ended

31st December, 1956,

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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Public Health Department,  
Brightwell House,  
East Street,  
Farnham, Surrey.

June, 1957.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Urban District Council of Farnham.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my annual report for the year 1956.

The health and sanitary services of the district have continued to function satisfactorily and nothing dramatic or startling, either for good or bad, has occurred during the year. The population continues to increase but at a decreasing rate. The birth and death rates show no change but the infant mortality rate continues to be low and there were no maternal deaths.

There was very little infectious disease in the district during the year and only one case of poliomyelitis was reported. This year I have omitted all graphs as they take a considerable time to prepare, but now that we have additional help in the department I hope next year that it may be possible to include some, showing the trend of certain diseases.

As the Council well know, Farnham's most urgent need of the moment is a new drainage scheme for the town, and it is hoped that it will be possible for work on this to be commenced as soon as possible.

I take this opportunity of recording my appreciation of the loyal support of my staff during the year.

I am,  
Your obedient Servant,

F. BEDO HOBBS,

Medical Officer of Health.

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The area of the Urban District of Farnham remains unchanged at 9,039 acres.

The Registrar General's estimate of the population for 1956 is 24,890.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1956 was 7,711. There were also 186 shops with dwellings, giving a total of 7,897. The number of houses owned by the Local Authority at the end of 1956 was 1,385.

The rateable value in 1956 was £444,706 as compared with £250,495 in 1955 before re-valuation of properties took place under the Rating & Valuation Act, 1953, and the sum produced by a penny rate was £1,792 as against £1,000 in 1955.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Live Births (legitimate)	330	173	157
Live Births (illegitimate)	12	5	7
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population		13.7	
Still Births (legitimate)	8	4	4
Still Births (illegitimate)	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births		22.8	
Deaths	399	196	203
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population		16.03	
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	6	4	2
Rate per 1,000 live births		17.5	
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks	5	4	1
Rate per 1,000 live births		14.6	

The birth and death rates remain steady and the infant mortality rate, although higher than the phenomenally low rate of 1955, is still well below the average for England and Wales.

It is again gratifying to note that there were no maternal deaths.

The classified causes of death are as follows :-

	M.	F.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ... ..	1	0
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis ... ..	0	0
Syphilitic Disease ... ..	0	1
Diphtheria ... ..	0	0
Whooping Cough ... ..	0	0
Meningococcal Infections ... ..	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..	0	0
Measles ... ..	0	0
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ... ..	0	0
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ... ..	8	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ... ..	13	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ... ..	0	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ... ..	0	4
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ... ..	25	17
Leukaemia, Aloukaemia ... ..	1	0
Diabetes ... ..	0	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ... ..	24	50
Coronary Disease, Angina ... ..	24	14
Hypertension with Heart Disease ... ..	2	3
Other Heart Disease ... ..	29	42
Other Circulatory Disease ... ..	6	8
Influenza ... ..	1	2
Pneumonia ... ..	11	7
Bronchitis ... ..	11	4
Other Disease of Respiratory System ... ..	3	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ... ..	5	2
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ... ..	0	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis ... ..	2	0
Hyperplasia of Prostate ... ..	1	0
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ... ..	0	0
Congenital Malformations ... ..	1	3
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases ... ..	21	21
Motor Vehicle Accidents ... ..	3	2
All Other Accidents ... ..	4	5
Suicide ... ..	0	2
Homicide and Operations of War ... ..	0	0
Total ... ..	196	203

The figures are more or less comparable with those for previous years, but it is perhaps worth recording that the figures for cancer of the lung and bronchus for the last 7 years are as follows :-

	M.	F.
1950 ... ..	5	0
1951 ... ..	5	0
1952 ... ..	3	1
1953 ... ..	10	1
1954 ... ..	10	0
1955 ... ..	14	1
1956 ... ..	13	4

Although deaths from cancer of the lung and bronchus show a steady increase, deaths from cancer of the other principal organs remain steady.

As noted before, there is a high proportion of deaths from disease of the heart and arterios, which is to be expected in a relatively elderly population.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

### CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

The following is a list of clinics and treatment centres :-

#### Maternity and Child Welfare Centres

Brightwell House, East Street, Farnham - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-4 p.m.  
The Institute, Rowledge - 1st and 3rd Mondays, 2-4 p.m.  
The Village Hall, Wrecclesham - 2nd and 4th Mondays, 2-4 p.m.  
The Scouts' Hall, Gravel Hill, Lower Bourne - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m.  
The Institute, Hale - Fridays, 2-4 p.m.  
The Scouts' Hut, Badshot Lea - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m.  
The Village Hall, Weybourne - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.

#### School and Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic

Brightwell House, East Street, Farnham - 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays, 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon.

#### Ante-Natal Clinic

Brightwell House, East Street, Farnham - Wednesdays, 1.30 p.m.

#### Ghost Clinic

Northfield Hospital, Rodan Road, Aldershot - Wednesdays, 9.30 a.m. (A.P. Clinic - Fridays, 2-5 p.m.)

#### Dental Clinic

Brightwell House, East Street, Farnham - Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m., and 1.30 p.m. - 5 p.m.



### Speech Training Clinic

Brightwell House, East Street, Farnham - Mondays,  
9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Ophthalmic Clinic

Brightwell House, East Street, Farnham - 2nd and 4th  
Fridays, 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Physiotherapy Clinic

Brightwell House, East Street, Farnham - Thursdays,  
9 a.m. - 12 noon.

### Cleansing Centre

Brightwell House, East Street, Farnham - when required.

### AMBULANCE SERVICE

I am indebted to Supt. G. G. Crawte for the following report on the work of the St. John Ambulance Brigade during 1956 :-

The Division celebrated its 21st anniversary during the year and it is obvious that the same spirit of voluntary service that brought about its foundation in 1935 is being maintained.

The members recorded 9,234 hours of voluntary duty, the greater part in manning the Ambulance Service. This latter is still considered to be the most important work. A new Bedford Ambulance has been added to the Division's fleet, which now consists of three ambulances, two sitting case cars and one Utilicar. Radio has been fitted to most of these vehicles. The establishment of Driver Attendants has been increased by one.

During the year, the Division responded to requests for personnel and vehicles to attend fetes, sports and pony shows. Assistance was given to the Infantile Paralysis Fellowship and Hungarian Refugee Organisation. Our men attended three male cripple camps at Woodlarks.

A 100% pass was recorded at the Annual Re-examination.

### Nursing Division (Superintendent - Miss Ariss)

In 1956 members again co-operated in many branches of the work. On 25 occasions escorts for patients were provided for long distance journeys by train and members accompanied the

ambulance crews on 367 cases. During the summer there was regular manning of the first aid post at Frensham Little Pond besides the normal attendance on request at public events. The Division co-operated with the Red Cross and other bodies at the Hungarian Relief Reception Centre.

#### Ambulance Cadet Division (Cadet Superintendent - G. Harfield)

The Division has had an extremely successful year, its teams having won the Area Cup, the Country Cup, the Christian Nicholas Cup, Three Pirrie Gordon Medallions, The Lloyd and Raejohn Shields.

On the more down to earth side, the members did duty at fetes, at various fetes, with the Infantile Paralysis Fellowship and at the Depot, to a total of 453 hours.

#### Nursing Cadet Divisions

##### Headquarters (Cadet Officer - Mrs. Harfield)

The girls of this division put in 227 hours of duty at fetes, shopping, pony shows, etc. Its team won the Area Cup for smart turn-out and members won the Youth Sports junior relay and many prizes at the Aquatic Sports.

It is particularly gratifying that one student is in training at Guildford Hospital.

##### Regal Cinema (Cadet Officer - Mrs. Farrior)

The division has gained 12 proficiency certificates during the year and one of its members has commenced hospital training at Farnham Hospital.

The following is a summary of cases and mileage during the year :-

Type of Case	No. of Cases	Mileage
Accidents	259	1,473
Emergency Illness	100	531
Maternity	107	801
Hospital Transport	1,984	26,696
Outpatients	4,172	39,123
Transport from one private address to another	27	459
Helping patients in home	12	53
Private cases	27	1,385
Total	6,688	70,521



## HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

Supt. Crawte would like to acknowledge the help he has received from the drivers of this service, who have, as usual, been most co-operative. They have travelled 10,633 miles in 597 journeys, handling 713 patients.

## VOLUNTARY SERVICES

The thanks of the Council and all Farnham residents are due to the many men and women who give so much time to voluntary services in a great number of ways. Some of the principal ones are listed below but, in addition, a lot of most useful but unspectacular work is done at the Welfare Centres, Hospitals and in the homes.

### The Women's Voluntary Services

Below are listed some of the services organised by the W.V.S. :-

#### Darby & Joan Clubs

These are for men and women over the age of 60 and meetings are held as follows :-

The Ridgway Club meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at The Bourne Hall.

The Lower Bourne Club meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at The British Legion Hall.

The Hale Club meet on alternative Tuesdays at The Hale Institute.

The Badshot Lea Club meet on alternative Mondays at the Methodist Schoolroom.

The Weybourne Club meet on the last Tuesday in the month at the Village Hall.

The Wrecclesham Club meet on the last Thursday in the month at the Village Hall.

These clubs are very popular and well attended.

#### The Gostrey Club

This is primarily a luncheon club for the over 60's. It is held in the hut in Gostrey Meadow and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A hot meal is served for 1/3d and tea for a few pence. There is a cheerful and comfortable lounge where games can be played. A free lending library and a

chirography service for which 3/- (two feet) is charged are also available.

There are some 130 members and an average of 40 to 50 people have meals on Tuesdays and 60 to 70 on Fridays. It is staffed entirely by voluntary workers.

### "Meals-on-Wheels"

This service delivers meals to old people at a cost of 1/3d per meal and to housebound people or invalids at a cost of 1/6d twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. More than one meal can be provided at a visit, if required, which can be heated up and used the following day.

### Citizens Advice Bureau

This is situated at the W.V.S. office, 1 Victoria Road, Farnham, and is open from Monday to Friday between 10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m., and 2.15 and 4.15 p.m.

Many and various are the problems brought to the Bureau but as a result of the skilled advice available the majority of problems can be successfully dealt with.

### International Club

Members of all nationalities of both sexes are welcomed at the Gostrey Club every Thursday between 2 and 10 p.m., and the Club has a membership of approximately 200. Games are organised, refreshments provided and expeditions are organised in the summer months.

### Blind Club

A club for blind people is organised by the County Association for the Blind with the assistance of the W.V.S., and meets on the 2nd Wednesday in the month at the Gostrey Club from 2.30 to 5 p.m. An entertainment and tea are provided.

### Baby Sitting

This very useful service is organised by the W.V.S., to whom application for enrolment, either as a sitter or parent, should be made. In the interest of both parties, references are taken up for sitters and parents.

At the present time the scheme has about 100 parents and 40 sitters as members. The charge is 1/3d per hour. Reasonable notice is required, as a considerable number of sitters are not on the telephone.

### Tired Mothers

A holiday home at Northampton is run by the W.V.S., where mothers can have a rest. The full charge is £3: 3: 0d per week but a reduction can be made in necessitous cases. Children are not taken but, if necessary, arrangements can be made for them to be looked after at another W.V.S. home at Whitstable while their mother is recuperating.

### British Red Cross Society

It is satisfactory to note that the membership of the local branch is steadily increasing.

Among the many activities of the branch have been the following :-

Over 500 hours of work at Woodlarks Summer Camps for cripples, shopping expeditions at Christmas for the resident handicapped persons at Woodlarks, weekly duty at the County Council Dental Clinic, manning the first aid post at Frensham Pond in conjunction with the Hambledon Division, manning first aid posts at local fetes and performances, helping at the Blood Transfusion Centre when it visits Farnham, etc.

On Boxing Day 7 members were on duty in the wards at Farnham Hospital to enable the night nurses to attend their Christmas Dinner.

Other activities organised by the British Red Cross Society are :-

### Forget-me-not Club

This club, for people over 60, meets twice a month and, in addition, last year seven evening coach drives, one whole day's outing and a matinee at the local theatre were much enjoyed.

### The Goodfellowship Club

This club also meets on alternative Thursday afternoons and quite a lot of handicraft work was done. A day at the sea, a visit to the Aldershot Horse Show and a Christmas party were among the social activities much enjoyed by members.

### Trolley Shop and Basket

By this service, magazines, notepaper, biscuits, sweets and a variety of other articles are brought to the

bedside of patients in Farnham and Green Lane Hospitals and are much appreciated.

### Mobile Library

Books are taken by British Red Cross Society members to the aged and sick, and during the year 1,128 books were issued.

### DAY NURSERY

The Day Nursery in East Street was closed at the end of the year as it was considered that the numbers using it did not justify its continued existence. The building has been taken over by the British Red Cross Society as their headquarters.

### HOME HELP SERVICE

There are 32 helps employed in Farnham and district and an average of 50 cases are attended each week. During 1956 a total of 67 maternity cases and 67 new general cases received help from the service.

### PUBLICITY

The Health Services handbook continues to be circulated but is now out of date in many respects and will be re-written in 1957.

Talks on health subjects have been given to several local organisations by the Public Health Inspector, Health Visitors and myself.

Diphtheria immunisation propaganda has been carried out through the medium of bookmarkers at the libraries in the town.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS  
AND OTHER DISEASES

The following table shows the number of infectious diseases, in age groups, notified during 1956 :-

Total Deaths	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cases Admitted to Hospital	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
65 & over	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
45 - 65	1	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	1
35 - 45	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 35	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	16	-	-	-	1	1	-	20	4
4 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
3 - 4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
2 - 3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
1 - 2	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2
Under 1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
At all Ages	20	4	4	1	4	1	1	29	11
Infectious Disease.	Scarlet Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Erysipelas	Meningococcal Infection	Dysentery	Encephalitis	Poliomyelitis	Measles	Whooping Cough



## IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA AND WHOOPING COUGH

Once again it is satisfactory to report that there have been no cases of diphtheria in Farnham since 1943. The figures for diphtheria immunisation during 1956 are as follows :-

Age Group	Primary	Boosting
Under 5	274	2
5 - 14	19	78
Total	293	80

and the position with regard to immunisation on December 31st, 1956, was :-

Age Group	Under 1	1 - 4	5 - 9	10-14	Total
Number of children who completed course between 1952 and 1956	71	986	1,199	974	3,230
Number of children who completed course between 1942 and 1951	-	-	323	628	951
Estimated mid-year child population	167	1,331	3,767		5,265
Immunity Index	42.5	74.07	57.6		61.3

The immunity index shows a slight improvement for the 0-5 age group but is not quite so good for the older age groups.

Immunisation against whooping cough is now given as a routine with diphtheria, and latterly, when requested, the triple antigen including tetanus has been used. The numbers immunised during 1956 were as follows :-

Age Group	Primary	Boosting
Under 5	271	2
5 - 14	14	50
Total	285	52

## VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

The number of vaccinations against smallpox done during 1956 was :-

Age Group	Vaccinated	Re-vaccinated
Under 1	170	0
1 year	99	0
2 - 4	8	5
5 - 14	3	19
15 & Over	9	88
Total	289	112

It appears that approximately 50% of babies are being vaccinated before the age of one year. A much higher figure is required to eliminate the possibility of an outbreak of smallpox, which, with modern travel facilities, is an ever present risk.

## FOOD POISONING

There have been no cases of food poisoning during the year.

## FOOD HYGIENE

The new Regulations came into force on January 1st, 1956, and the recommendations have in most instances been complied with.

## MEASLES

For some years a considerable number of cases of measles have occurred in alternate years. There were 259 cases in 1955 so it was to be expected that there would not be many in 1956, and, as it turned out, there were only 29.

## WHOOPIING COUGH

The number of cases notified during the year was 11 and, although it is too early to be dogmatic, the continuity of small numbers notified since the last peak of 173 in 1950 suggests that the prophylactic inoculation is having an effect.

## TUBERCULOSIS

The following table gives particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and deaths from that disease during 1956 :-

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 65	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total	8	3	-	-	1	-	-	-

The number of new cases notified is 11, which is a decrease on the figures for the last two years. Although only one death from tuberculosis is shown, actually six other cases who were on our register as suffering from tuberculosis died of some other disease.

All the new cases are pulmonary and the fact that there have been no cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis probably indicates that the milk supply, which is the usual source of infection, has been satisfactory.

## POLIOMYELITIS

There were a considerable number of cases of paralytic poliomyelitis in neighbouring districts during the year but, as happened in 1955, we were again fortunate, having only one case in a baby of one year.

The Infantile Paralysis Fellowship now has a membership of 30 to 40 ex cases of poliomyelitis. One of the chief activities of the Fellowship has been swimming sessions in the Aldershot Military closed warm baths. Social evenings, entertainments and excursions take place regularly and three weddings have matured from romances which started among the members! The local Hon. Secretary is Miss M. Peachey, Farnham Hospital.

#### MASS RADIOGRAPHY

The Mass Radiography Unit visited Farnham from June 7th to 14th, 1956, during which time 3,476 people were X-rayed. 93 cases of inactive pulmonary tuberculosis were detected and 158 other non-tuberculous abnormalities. There were 20 outstanding cases awaiting final diagnosis but no definitely active cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were detected.

#### VENEREAL DISEASE

Again no cases of syphilis or gonorrhoea were reported during the year. On enquiry at the treatment centres at Guildford and Aldershot, I found that one case of primary syphilis in a female and two cases of gonorrhoea, one male and one female, whose addresses were in this area, were treated.

# CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1956

## SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following classified table is submitted of (a) the nature and number of inspections made during the year; (b) the total number of notices served; (c) the result of the service of such notices :-

### (a) Number and Nature of Inspections made during the year :-

Houses inspected under Public Health Acts	...	137
Re-visits paid to above houses	...	166
Houses inspected under Housing Acts	...	129
Re-visits paid to above houses	...	182
Water Supply	...	3
Drainage	...	283
Piggeries	...	8
Fried Fish Shops	...	3
Moveable Dwellings	...	128
Factories	...	166
Bakehouses	...	32
Rats and Mice (By Public Health Inspectors)	...	49
Schools	...	42
Shops Inspected under Shops Act, 1950	...	201
Infectious Disease Prevention	...	47
Slaughterhouses	...	144
Butchers	...	222
Fishmongers and Poulterers	...	22
Grocers	...	213
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	...	20
Dairies and Milk Distributors	...	63
Ice-cream Premises	...	34
Food Preparing Premises	...	100
Market Stalls	...	18
Restaurants	...	29
Food and Drugs Sampling	...	59
Milk Sampling	...	147
Ice-cream Sampling	...	28
Miscellaneous	...	263

(b) Total Number of Notices Served ... 69

### (c) Results of Notices :-

#### (1) Preliminary Notices -

(a) Complied with	...	46
(b) Work not commenced	...	19
Total	...	65



(2) Statutory Notices -

(a) Complied with	...	...	...	...	3
(b) Work not commenced	...	...	...	...	<u>1</u>
Total	...	...	...	...	<u><u>4</u></u>

HOUSING

(a) Repair of Properties

The repair of low rented property is an ever increasing difficulty and due to economic considerations requests to owners have to be confined to essential repairs.

The response of property owners continues to be fairly good, informal notices usually being complied with rendering statutory action unnecessary.

One application for a Certificate of Disrepair under the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, was received and a Certificate issued.

(b) Individual Unfit Houses

Eleven houses were represented as unfit and beyond repair at a reasonable cost.

In six cases an Undertaking was accepted from the owner not to re-let the property and four properties were demolished following the making of Demolition Orders. Two properties were voluntarily demolished. One Closing Order was made under the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953, and one Closing Order as to a part of a building was made under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(c) Overcrowding

The Department's attention was drawn to one case of statutory overcrowding and this was abated by the re-housing of a sub-tenant.

SHOPS

201 visits were made under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1950, and it was found necessary in a number of instances to give a verbal warning regarding minor infringements, mainly in connection with the display of notices required to be exhibited under the Shops Regulations.

## FACTORY INSPECTION

The following tables give details of the administration of the Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948 during the year :-

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories (Non-Mechanical)	7	10	0	0
Factories (Mechanical)	117	144	3	0
Other Premises	7	12	2	0
Total	131	166	5	0

Number of cases in which defects were found :-

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H. M. Inspector	Referred by H. M. Inspector	Prosecutions
Unsuitable Sanitary Conveniences	5	5	0	5	0
Unreasonable Temperature	1	1	0	1	0
Total	6	6	0	6	0

The department is also responsible for administering the sections of the 1937 Act relating to the issue of Certificates as to the means of escape in case of fire, and it was found necessary to issue the following Certificates during 1956 :-

New Certificates	...	...	5
Amended Certificates	...	...	<u>2</u>
Total	...	...	<u><u>7</u></u>

## PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two licences were issued under the provisions of this Act.

## PUBLIC MORTUARY AND POST MORTEM ROOM

During 1956, 44 bodies were received into the mortuary and 41 post mortem examinations carried out.

## RODENT CONTROL

One rodent operative is fully employed on this work. Much valuable work continues to be performed in the destruction of rats and mice. There is a free service to dwellinghouses and a number of annual and immediate contracts were made in respect of business premises, hospitals and schools.

Inspection and control work at the Council's refuse tip is carried out regularly and frequent visits are made to the sewage disposal works and pumping stations.

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Close attention is paid to the condition under which moveable dwellings are sited in the district; in the main, they are occupied by persons genuinely awaiting housing accommodation.

Licences issued under the Public Health				
Act, 1936, Section 269	...	...	...	12
Licences renewed under the Public Health				
Act, 1936, Section 269	...	...	...	27
Total	...	...	...	39

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### WATER SUPPLY

Water is supplied by the Wey Valley Water Company. Samples submitted for chemical examination quarterly and bacteriological examination weekly continued to be satisfactory throughout the year.

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This service is under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor. Collections are carried out weekly throughout the Urban District and disposal is by means of controlled tipping at the sandpit in Weydon Lane.

## SEWERAGE

No major work has been carried out in 1956 but by the end of the year preparation of a scheme to deal effectively with the drainage of the town area was nearing completion. This scheme has been designed to overcome the present difficulties of the surcharging of drains and sewers during storm periods.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The coming into operation of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, and the Food Hygiene Regulations marked a further step in setting a higher standard of hygiene for food premises.

It was necessary to visit all food premises in the district and, in the main, traders showed a willingness to co-operate. Prior to commencing the survey, all occupiers of food premises were sent a summary of the Food Hygiene Regulations and a covering letter informing them that a visit would be made and expressing our willingness to advise or discuss any matters appertaining to their premises. In a number of cases it was necessary to request the provision of wash hand basins, sinks and water heating appliances.

There is still more to achieve in the protection of open foods and the gradual improvement of working surfaces to tables, benches, etc.

The total number and type of food premises in the area is :-

Bakehouses and Baker's Shops	...	14
Butchers	... ..	24
Cafes and Restaurants	... ..	31
Confectioners	... ..	28
Fishmongers and Fried Fish Shops		12
Greengrocers	... ..	11
Grocers	... ..	61
Factory and School Canteens	...	28
Licensed Houses	... ..	52
Total	... ..	<u>261</u>

Included in the above figures are the following premises which are registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 :-

Salo of Ice-cream	... ..	110
Manufacture of Sausages	... ..	15
Carried Forward	... ..	<u>125</u>

Brought Forward	...	...	...	...	125
Manufacture of Sausages and Preparation or					
Preservation of Food	...	...	...	...	6
Preparation or Preservation of Food	...	...	...	...	22
Total	...	...	...	...	153

The total number of visits to food premises during the year was 675 and of this number 137 visits were to registered premises.

#### ICE-CREAM

There are no manufacturers of ice-cream in the district. Production now tends to be concentrated in the hands of the larger firms, who distribute it to local shops for retail.

Results of analyses of samples of ice-cream taken during 1956 continue to be satisfactory and are as follows :-

Grade I	...	26
Grade II	...	2
Grade III	...	0
Grade IV	...	0
Total	...	28

#### MILK SUPPLY

The following table shows the number of licences granted during the year under the provisions of the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1949-53 :-

Designation	Dealer's	Supplementary
Pastourised	10	2
Tuberculin Tested	6	1
Sterilised	10	1
Total	26	4

The bulk of the milk sold in the district is pasteurised, although there is a small quantity of sterilised and farm bottled raw tuberculin tested milk sold.



There is one pasteurising plant in the district, which worked satisfactorily throughout the year.

144 samples of milk were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Guildford. A summary of results is shown in the following table :-

Designation	No. of Samples Tested	Phosphatase Test		Methylene Blue Test		Turbidity Test	
		Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed
Pasteurised	72	72	0	70	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	-	-
Sterilised	10	-	-	-	-	10	0
Tuberculin Tested	59	59	0	56	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	-	-
Pasteurised							
Tuberculin Tested Farm Bottled	3	-	-	3	0	-	-

\*1 Test void

1/2 Tests void

Three sets of bottle rinses were taken, all proving satisfactory.

There is one dairy in the district registered under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949-54.

### INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Four private slaughterhouses were licensed during the year but only two were used regularly.

The following table shows the number of animals slaughtered and inspected :-

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	26	3	65	453	604	0
Number inspected	26	3	65	453	604	0
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis &amp; Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	2	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	9	0	0	7	23	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	34.6	0	0	1.54	4.13	0
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	1	0	0	7	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0	33.3	0	0	1.15	0
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0

Foods inspected and found unsound during the year  
were :-

Commodity	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Canned Fruit	1	-	1	24 $\frac{3}{4}$
Canned Vegetables		6	2	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
Canned Meat		5	2	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
Canned Fish		2	1	19 $\frac{3}{4}$
Pork		2	-	8
Sausages		1	2	1
Ham		1	1	23 $\frac{5}{8}$
Currants		1	-	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
Imported Beef			3	19
Bacon			3	12
Bullocks Liver			3	26
Pigs Heads			3	2
Imported Calves Kidney			2	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tomatoes			1	8
Cod Fillets			1	14
Margarine			1	1
Ox Liver			1	-
Frozen Egg			1	-
Pigs Offal			1	8
Ox Tongue			1	2
Sheeps Offal				10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corned Beef				18
Jam				21 $\frac{1}{4}$
Lager Cake				12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Imported Ox Kidney				8
Sweets				8
Imported Lambs Liver				5
Butter				4
Sandwich Spread				1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Chocolate Pudding				- $\frac{1}{4}$
Lemon Barley Crystals				- $\frac{1}{4}$
Total	2	8	-	26 $\frac{1}{4}$

175 tins Milk & Cream      89 tins Soup  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  gall. Salad Cream

In the main, unsound food is disposed of by burial at the Council's controlled refuse tip; every effort being made to ensure that it is adequately covered. Any large quantity of condemned meat is disposed of to a large reputable contractor for manufacture into fertiliser.

#### SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1933 & 1954

Eleven licences to slaughter animals under those Acts were issued to slaughtermen during 1956.

## ADULTERATION OF FOOD

This Council became a Food & Drug Authority on the 1st April, 1956, this function being transferred from the Surrey County Council. All sampling since this date has been carried out by your Public Health Inspectors.

Mr. D. D. Moir, M.Sc., F.R.I.C., has been appointed as Public Analyst to this authority.

The following table gives a summary of the results of the total number of samples taken during the year :-

Articles	Analysed			Adulterated or Irregular		
	Formal	Informal	Total	Formal	Informal	Total
<u>Food</u>						
Butter	3	-	3	-	-	-
Lard	2	-	2	-	-	-
Milk	55	1	56	1	-	1
Vinegar	1	-	1	-	-	-
Orange Squash	2	-	2	-	-	-
Lemonade Powder	1	-	1	-	-	-
Ice-cream	1	-	1	-	-	-
Herrings in Tomato Sauce	1	-	1	-	-	-
Coffee	1	-	1	-	-	-
Currants	1	-	1	-	-	-
Margarine	1	-	1	-	-	-
Custard Powder	-	1	1	-	-	-
Tomato Ketchup	-	1	1	-	-	-
Ground Almonds	-	1	1	-	-	-
Table Jelly	-	1	1	-	-	-
Olive Oil	-	1	1	-	-	-
Butter Fudge	-	1	1	-	-	-
<u>Drugs</u>						
Aspirin Tablets	-	1	1	-	-	-
Totals	69	8	77	1	-	1

